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**Assignee:** NEXFOR INC.  
**Appl. No.:** 09/800,826  
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**Title:** COMPOSITE BOARD WITH OSB FACES  
**Our file:** HM/13423.18  
**Examiner:** Chevalier, Alicia Ann

May 4, 2004

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official letter dated April 9, 2004, which included an interview Summary Form PTOL-413, Applicant respectfully requests that the following statement of the substance of the interview be made of record.

At the outset, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative Mr. Hugh Mansfield during the telephone interview conducted on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004. During the interview, the Examiner's rejections to the claims were discussed with reference to the text at paragraph 24. Applicants' representative proposed adding limitations to independent claim 1 regarding the size of the wood flakes, as recited at paragraph 24 of the specification. In particular, Applicants' representative proposed limiting claim 1 to one wherein the wood flakes have dimensions sufficient to bridge the voids. Examiner agreed that the size limitations or ratios of the wood flakes to the voids would probably overcome the art

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of record. However, the Examiner also expressed the belief that the new limitations would raise new issues requiring a novel search and further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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